

## **NOTIFICATION TO COUNTY MAYOR OF COMMITTEE MEETING BY MEMBERS OF MAURY COUNTY COMMISSION**

The Special Called Budget Committee met on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at approximately 4:30 PM in the Maury County Tom Primm County Commission Room with the following Committee Members present:

CRAIG HARRIS, SONNY SHACKELFORD, GWYNNE EVANS, STEWART PARKER,  
TOMMY WOLAVER AND DONNA COOK.

OTHERS PRESENT: Gerald Adkison, Talvin Barner, Michael Fulbright. Don Morrow, Terry Potts, Eric Previti, William (Tot) Roddy, Ricky Sims, Sue Stephenson, Gary Stovall, Scott Sumners, Debbie Turner, Linda Whiteside, and Media.

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### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Vice Chairman Shackelford called the meeting to order. Commissioner Wolaver offered the prayer. Chairman Burkhalter is absent and Commissioner Harris is sitting in for him in his absence. Vice-Chairman Shackelford announced Chairman Burkhalter's mother is sick and in the hospital.

#### **II. Maury Alliance:**

Will Evans represented Maury Alliance: Vice-Chairman Shackelford stated the appropriation request for Maury Alliance was \$200,000.00. Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the donation request in the amount of \$200,000.00 under advisement. Seconded by Commissioner Wolaver. Mr. Evans gave a handout to the budget committee. Mr. Evans stated that last year they increased from \$175,000.00 to \$200,000.00. Mr. Evans stated they are still requesting the \$200,000.00. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved 6-0 to approve the donation request in the amount of \$200,000.00 under advisement.

#### **III. Schools Budget:**

Dr. Marczak represented the schools. Vice-Chairman Shackelford stated he wanted to understand where the numbers came from. Dr. Marczak stated that 75 to 80% of the budget is developed by teachers and principals in the school district. Dr. Marczak handed out a packet of information to the budget committee. Dr. Marczak stated that there is \$12,070,608.00 in requests in order to help students begin to meet the keys to college and career readiness. Dr. Marczak stated that actual revenues have been increasing at 3 to 4% during the last several years due to the growing economy. The school board elected to remain conservative by assuming a no growth economy for 2016/2017. The budgeted revenue for 2016/2017 is based upon an assumption that such revenue remain stagnant according to the 2015/2016 estimated revenue. The school board has elected to go ahead and immediately make an additional investment of \$2,629,988.00 from its fund balance towards key requests of a one-time nature. Commissioner Harris asked is the \$1,595,751.00 included in the general purpose budget. Dr. Marczak replied yes. Commissioner Harris asked was the \$2,629,988.00 recommending to take out of the schools fund balance. Dr. Marczak replied yes. Dr.

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Marczak stated that you will remember there were \$29,000,000.00 in immediate repairs needed at the schools to get caught up on past repairs. The school board is requesting funding to allow the schools to tackle half of those repairs in the amount of \$16,597,163.00. The board has elected to go ahead and immediately make an additional down payment towards those repairs by funding \$2,400,000.00 from its fund balance. The board is requesting funding in the amount of \$4,500,000.00 for new facility development such as feasibility studies, land acquisitions and design cost. This does not include funding for actually building the schools. The board is requesting additional funding for buses that will allow them to eliminate the current 1.5 walk zone down to .0 walk zone. The total amount requested for buses for 2016/2017 is \$1,336,900.00. The current proposed budget does not include increases from the State funding yet as they have just received estimates late on April 22, 2016. Director Marczak stated they have noticed the funding amounts are lower than they have anticipated so they are analyzing this information to see if the State has any errors in their calculations. Director Marczak stated he would like to request and he would like to split the general purpose and capital budgets for approval. Their general purpose budget is developed to fund exactly the monies they are requesting to use in addition to the request of fund balance. This split will allow them to begin working on the keys. Vice-Chairman Shackelford stated to Dr. Marczak the revenues that he is looking at for the local taxes that were audited in 2013/2014 was \$33,513,000.00. The actual revenues is what the schools is asking to use and Vice-Chairman wanted to clarify this and the actual revenues is what they anticipate the revenues to be this year. Vice-Chairman Shackelford stated the Maintenance of Effort number is what the revenue number they have approved in the past. Vice-Chairman Shackelford stated what they have approved in the past is quite a different number than what the request is. The request on the local tax side is \$36,052,000.00. Chairman of the School Board David Bates spoke before the budget committee. Commissioner Wolaver stated he had some serious reservations about increasing the Maintenance of Effort because if they increase Maintenance of Effort today it goes into infinity. Commissioner Stephenson asked if the state's figures are accurate then the school will be adding the \$2,800,000.00 into the schools budget. Director Marczak replied yes. There were no lights. Vice-Chairman Shackelford stated he thinks the schools need an entire meeting to go into this in more detail. Vice-Chairman Shackelford encouraged the commission to go over these numbers. Vice-Chairman Shackelford stated on the special called meeting they will have the committee consider the food service budget, the general purpose budget and the capital outlay request along with any other request they may need to go into or explain. Commissioner Sumners asked about the capital outlay requests. Commissioner Sumners asked about the capital outlay request for buses. Mr. Bates stated it is for 7 additional buses on top of the 7 buses they were asking for. Commissioner Previti asked about the preliminary five year plan that involved some information with Baker Elementary and McDowell Elementary. Mr. Bates stated there would be more discussion at the next facilities committee about that. Commissioner Harris asked about the immediate repairs and all of those have not been deemed to be. Commissioner Harris stated that \$29,000,000.00 was identified but they are only asking for \$16,000,000.00 and why not the \$29,000,000.00 and what went into the \$16,000,000.00. Mr. Bates stated if they got the \$29,000,000.00 they would not be

able to do all those projects in a year due to manpower. Mr. Bates stated that \$16,000,000.00 is immediate. Vice-Chairman Shackelford stated the committee didn't take the school budget under advisement because they will do that at a special called meeting.

#### **IV. Non-Profit Charitable & Civic Organizations:**

##### **Mediation Center:**

Vice-Chairman Shackelford stated what the Commission does is give them an in kind place to have their office. Commissioner Wolaver made a motion to approve the in kind contribution under advisement for the Mediation Center. Seconded by Commissioner Harris. There were no lights. All in favor Motion Approved 6-0 for the in kind contribution under advisement for \$3,000.00 for the Mediation Center.

##### **Maury County Rural Fire Department:**

Roy Brooks represented the Maury County Rural Fire Department. Mr. Brooks stated it is the same appropriation as last year with the exception of additional money for utilities line item for the Oak Lake Fire Station. They added \$7,500.00 for the utilities for that station. Commissioner Harris made a motion to approve the appropriation of \$283,450.00 for the Maury County Rural Fire Department. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Commissioner Cook asked Mr. Brooks if he could bring the private donation numbers. Vice-Chairman Shackelford stated he would ask for more clarity when this is voted on at the budget committee. Commissioner Turner would like to know how many active firefighters Maury Rural Fire has. Mr. Brooks stated they try to clean up that list every year. All in favor Motion Approved 6-0 to take the appropriation amount of \$283,450.00 under advisement.

##### **Maury County Senior Citizens:**

Commissioner Wolaver made a motion to approve the Maury County Senior Citizens appropriation in the amount of \$31,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Harris. Vice-Chairman Wolaver stated the request is the same as last year. There were no lights. Vice-Chairman Shackelford stated he would abstain from this vote due to possible conflict of interest. 5 in favor. 0 opposed and 1 abstain. Motion Approved.

##### **Spring Hill Senior Citizens:**

Mr. Rich Desruisseau the treasurer of the Spring Hill Senior Citizens represented the Spring Hill Senior Citizens. Mr. Desruisseau stated they are asking for the same amount as last year which is \$3,000.00. Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the Spring Hill Senior Citizens appropriation in the amount of \$3,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Harris. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved 6-0 to approve the \$3,000.00 contribution under advisement to the Spring Hill Senior Citizens.

##### **Spring Hill Library:**

Director of the Spring Hill Library Hulen Bivins represented the Spring Hill Library. Mr. Bivins stated their maintenance of effort was incorrectly shown in the agenda. Mr.

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Bivins stated their maintenance of effort for the last six years has been \$30,000.00. Mr. Bivins stated they would ask for a continuation of that. Mr. Bivins stated they also made a request of an additional \$26,000.00. Mr. Bivins stated Spring Hill Library currently serves 18% of the total population of Maury County. Mr. Bivins stated the additional \$26,000.00 would allow 2 part time employees they presently have and that are working 20 hours a week and that would extend them an additional 19 hours. Commissioner Harris stated that last year's contribution is showing \$20,000.00. Mr. Lukonen stated he contacted Gayle Adkins about this last year. Mr. Lukonen stated the e-mail he received from Gayle Adkins was forwarded to County Attorney Daniel Murphy. Mr. Murphy stated this does not hold up and only \$20,000.00 was approved. Mr. Lukonen stated he thinks they should consult with Mr. Murphy. Commissioner Cook stated she would like County Attorney Murphy to look at this Maintenance of Effort closer. Commissioner Cook made a motion to accept the \$20,000.00 under advisement and getting with the County Attorney and revisiting this at the final 501C3 date. Seconded by Commissioner Wolaver. Commissioner Evans stated he believed that \$30,000.00 was a fraction of what they do for the other two cities that Maury County funds. Commissioner Evans stated that \$30,000.00 was part of the agreement of the City of Spring Hill of taking over the operation of the Spring Hill Library and the County just making a donation instead of it being a fully funded County Library. Vice-Chairman Shackelford asked Mr. Bivins if he had asked for additional monies from Williamson County and Spring Hill. Mr. Bivins stated they have not heard from Williamson County other than the Maintenance of Agreement amount. Mr. Bivins stated that every 3 out of 5 library cards that are issued are issued from residents of Maury County. Vice-Chairman Shackelford called for the vote. All in favor 6-0. Motion Approved to approve the \$20,000.00 under advisement and get with the County Attorney to look at the Maintenance of Effort closer.

**Columbia Main Street:**

Vice-Chairman stated they did not provide a request this year. Vice-Chairman Shackelford and Commissioner Cook had a conversation with Mrs. Martin and if things opened up they may be back but they have a grant they are working through this year.

**Center of Hope:**

Traci Cook represented the Center of Hope. Ms. Cook stated she is asking for the request to remain the same as last year. Commissioner Harris made a motion to accept the \$10,000.00 under advisement for the Center of Hope. Commissioner Wolaver seconded the motion. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved 6-0 to approve the \$10,000.00 under advisement for the Center of Hope.

**Neighborhoods Concerned (Harvest Share):**

Tony Mills Chairman of the Board of Harvest Share represented Neighborhoods Concerned (Harvest Share). Commissioner Harris made a motion to approve \$3,000.00 under advisement for Neighborhoods Concerned (Harvest Share). Commissioner Evans seconded. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved 6-0 to approve the \$3,000.00 under advisement for Neighborhoods Concerned (Harvest Share).

**The Family Center:**

Dawn Taylor represented the Family Center. Vice-Chairman Shackelford stated there is a \$5,000.00 request and that is the same as last year. Commissioner Wolaver made a motion to approve the \$5,000 under advisement for the Family Center. Seconded by Commissioner Cook. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved 6-0 to approve the \$5,000.00 under advisement for The Family Center.

**Boys & Girls Club of Maury County:**

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the Boys and Girls Club of Maury County request of \$11,520.00 under advisement. Seconded by Commissioner Harris. Chris Poyntor and Robin Boshers represented the Boys & Girls Club of Maury County. Commissioner Harris asked what the Boys & Girls Club of Maury County total budget is. Ms. Boshers replied it is about \$750,000.00. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved 6-0 to approve the \$11,520.00 under advisement for the Boys & Girls Club of Maury County.

**CASA:**

Kristen Parker represented CASA. Ms. Parker stated last year they asked for a reduction in their funding. Ms. Parker stated this year they are requesting more. Ms. Parker stated presently they have served more children than what they served all twelve months of last year. Commissioner Evans made a motion for the request of \$2,500.00. Seconded by Commissioner Harris. Commissioner Parker stated he would abstain from the vote. The vote was 4-0 with 2 abstention.

**Kids Place:**

Brandi Burdette represented the Kids Place. Ms. Burdette stated she is requesting \$5,000.00. Ms. Burdette stated they are grant funded and they receive a good portion of private donations but very little support in Maury County. Commissioner Wolaver asked Ms. Burdett what was the Kids Place total budget. Ms. Burdette stated this past year they are going to be increasing their budget with a new staff person and it will go up to approximately \$300,000.00 this next fiscal year. Commissioner Wolaver stated that Lawrence, Wayne and Giles and Maury County are served. Commissioner Wolaver asked Ms. Burdette has she approached Lawrence, Wayne and Giles. Ms. Burdette stated right now she has appropriations from Lawrence and Giles County and she is working on Wayne County as well. Ms. Burdette stated that Giles County is \$10,000.00 and that is \$5,000.00 from the City and \$5,000.00 from the County and Lawrence County they got an increase last year which was \$6,500.00 from the County and \$4,000.00 from the City. Ms. Burdette stated they normally ask \$2,000.00 from Wayne County. Commissioner Stephenson asked what was their accreditation and licensure. Ms. Burdette stated their accreditation is through the National Children's Alliance in Washington D.C. and they have 10 strict standards they have to follow. Ms. Burdette stated they are about to be reaccredited in 2018. Commissioner Sumners asked if Ms. Burdette had asked the City of Columbia for a donation. Ms. Burdette stated she had requested \$5,000.00. Commissioner Wolaver stated he would like a financial statement on how Maury County is spending this money. Commissioner Wolaver stated he would

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like to look at this more and Commissioner Wolaver reserves the right to change his vote concerning what he sees in the financial statement. Commissioner Harris made a motion to approve \$5,000.00 under advisement for the Kid's Place. Seconded by Commissioner Cook. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved 6-0 to approve the \$5,000.00 under advisement for the Kid's Place.

**Sandy Hook Area Community Club Inc.:**

Mr. Charles Gandy represented the Sandy Hook Area Community Club Inc. Mr. Gandy stated the request they are making is a onetime donation for \$5,000.00 to replace swing set equipment. Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve \$5,000.00 for this one time equipment under advisement for the Sandy Hook Area Community Club Inc. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Commissioner Wolaver stated he would support this because it would revert back to County property if it is not taken care of. Commissioner Sumners asked would this be a reoccurring donation. Mr. Gandy replied no. All in favor. Motion Approved 6-0 to approve the \$5,000 under advisement for the Sandy Hook Area Community Club Inc.

**Keep Maury Beautiful (Litter Grant)**

Mr. Lukonen stated Keep Maury Beautiful received \$6,000.00 last year and they are asking for \$8,000.00 this year. Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve \$6,000.00 donation under advisement. Seconded by Commissioner Harris. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved 6-0 to approve the \$6,000.00 donation under advisement.

**South Central TN Development District dues/membership**

Commissioner Wolaver made a motion to approve the request of \$7,285.00 under advisement. Seconded by Commissioner Cook. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved 6-0 to approve the request of \$7,285.00 under advisement for the South Central TN Development District dues/ membership.

**South Central Human Resources Agency –dues/membership**

Mr. Paul T. Rosson represented the South Central Human Resources Agency. Mr. Rosson stated they are asking for a small decrease in what they are asking for. Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$1,902.00 under advisement. Seconded by Commissioner Harris. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved 6-0 to approve the request of \$1,902.00 under advisement for the South Central Human Resources Agency-dues /membership.

**Tennessee Department of Agriculture (Forestry Division)**

Commissioner Wolaver made a motion to approve the request of \$2,000.00 under advisement. Seconded by Commissioner Cook. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved 6-0 to approve the request of \$2,000.00 under advisement.

**Maury Regional Airport Authority**

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Mr. Greg Martin represented the Maury Regional Airport Authority. Mr. Martin stated he has two requests one is for the \$40,000.00 which is paid over four equal payments or \$10,000.00 per quarter. The second request is regarding the repair of the runway and the ramps of the airport. In the second request the Maury Regional Airport Authority is asking for \$50,000.00 which will be matched by the FAA and the Tennessee Department of Transportation. Mr. Martin stated that time is of the essence of this. Mr. Martin stated their budget is \$444,000.00 a year. Commissioner Harris made a motion for the \$40,000.00 request for the regular operational contribution under advisement. Seconded by Commissioner Cook. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved 6-0 to approve the request of \$40,000.00 for the regular operational contribution under advisement. Commissioner Shackelford moved on to the second request which regards the runway and the ramps of the airport. Mr. Martin stated if the airport comes up with the \$50,000.00 then they will apply with the Tennessee Department of Transportation Aviation Division for this process to start. Mr. Martin stated they would need the money as soon as possible. Mr. Martin stated the inspection was done in September 2014 and the report was given to them in June 2015. Mr. Martin stated they could not ask for this until this budget cycle. Mr. Martin stated that ultimately this would be a patch job. Commissioner Evans asked Mr. Martin if he would possibly be returning \$20,000.00 to the adequate facilities because of use of the construction. Commissioner Evans asked Mr. Martin if he knew when that would be closed out and they know for sure. Mr. Martin stated they are waiting on one company and Mr. Martin is hoping this will be done by the end of May. Mr. Martin stated the county is still sitting on the money and the airport would release that and that would be funds the adequate facilities tax could use on other projects. Commissioner Evans asked if the \$20,000.00 adequate facilities money could be used for the runway and ramps. Mr. Martin stated that according to County Attorney Murphy it is a repair patch job it's not bricks and mortar. Commissioner Stephenson asked since three or four other counties use the service of the airport, since they don't have facilities are they receiving any kind of funding from the other counties. Mr. Martin stated while the counties are not contributing they are benefiting from the Jet A fuel. Mr. Martin stated that Jet A fuel is the highest profit margin. Commissioner Stephenson asked if they come up with the \$50,000.00 matching money and the State of Tennessee and the FAA will together add the \$950,000.00 and is this a competitive process where it is not only open to you but others that may come up with the matching money in other locations. Mr. Martin stated as it stands right now the Tennessee Department of Transportation Aviation Division has made airport runways their top priority. Mr. Martin stated if they do not take care of this issue they are going to be looked at very closely if they ask for their help in other projects down the road. Commissioner Cook asked Mr. Martin if they are currently receiving any type of a sur charge from the planes that are coming in with freight. Mr. Martin stated they do charge them if they need assistance offloading their materials and that is reflected in the income and expense report. Mr. Martin stated they are generating revenue from the fuel sales. There were no lights. Commissioner Harris made a motion to request \$50,000.00 for repairs of the runway and ramps at the airport. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved 6-0 for the request of \$50,000.00 for runway and ramps at the airport under advisement.

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**Tennessee Vocational Training Rehabilitation Center:**

Pam Furlong represented the Tennessee Vocational Training Rehabilitation Center and Ms. Furlong introduced employee Debbie Bradley. Commissioner Harris made a motion to approve \$12,500.00 for the Tennessee Vocational Training Rehabilitation Center under advisement. Seconded by Commissioner Wolaver. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved 6-0 for the request of \$12,500.00 under advisement.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**


**VI. ADJOURNMENT:**

A. There was a Motion made to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:08 PM.

APPROVED

  
Charlie Norman, Jr., County Mayor

SIGNED

  
Davis Burkhalter, Budget Committee Chairman